

REMARKS

- 1) Applicant has amended the specification to insert the updated status of the parent application. Applicant has amended the specification to change the dimension 0.20" to 0.15" (2 places). Applicant has canceled claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 14 to correct "pull" and "push".
- 2) The Office provisionally rejected claims 1-16 under 35 USC 101 in view of conflicting claims 1-16 of copending application 10/987520. Applicant has canceled claim 1 and amended claim 3. Claims 2-16 as amended in the present application no longer conflict with claims 2-16 in application 10/987520.
- 3) Claims 3-16 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner opines that the limitations "reversible" and "without end-for-end reversing" in the base claim 1 have no patentable significance. Applicant has amended claim 3 to include the limitations of the base claim 1 excluding "reversible" and "without end-for-end reversing".
- 4) Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-16 are now allowable. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-16 in their current forms.
- 5) The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's agent at 650-853-0189 for a conference if such conference could expedite prosecution.



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